(c) if so, the reaction of Government on the views of the experts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) It is true that, on the growth of zoos in the country, the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) have stressed the policy of the Government of India, on the conservation of wildlife resources in the country. The CZA has been empowered, under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, to ensure that the policy of the Government on conservation of wildlife is also implemented in the zoos in India and the mushroom growth of zoos without any scientific basis is checked.

The Government has also notified the Recognition of Zoo Rules, 1992 setting the standards for management of zoos and placing due stress on conservation of wildlife.

**Penalising Polluting Units in the Country**

5595. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have recently taken a decision to penalise polluting units in the countiy;

(b) if so, the details of the polluting units identified as on 31st December, 1993 and likely to be penalised; and

(c) the steps the Central Government propose to take to check all the polluting units in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a)and(b) The Government have identified 17 categories of highly polluting industries for taking priority action for their compliance of the prescribed standards. As per information provided by the States, 50 units in the medium and large scale sector have not taken any steps till 31-12-1993, to instal pollution control devices, which could have enabled them to comply with the prescribed standards. The number of these units in each category is given below :—

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| 1. Cement . . . | 04 |
| 2. Dyes . . . | 01 |
| 3. Distillery . . . | 11 |
| 4. Fertilizer . . . | 02 |
| 5. Iron and Steel . . | 01 |
| 6. Leather . . . | 05 |
| 7. Pharmaceuticals . . | 03 |
| 8. Pulp and Paper . . | 03 |
| 9. Sugar . . . | 15 |
| 10. Thermal Power Plants . | 05 |

(c) The Central Pollution Control Board has directed State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees to take legal action against the units which have not taken any steps to instal the required pollution control devices.

**Formulation of National Forestry Action Plan**

5596. SHRI AHMED MOH-MEDBHAI PATEL : SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether keeping in mind the state of forest degradation Government are formulating a National Forestry Action Programme in collaboration with United Nations Development Project and the Food and Agricultural Organisation;